

House Bill 691

By: Representative Harbin of the 118<sup>th</sup>

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to service creditable toward retirement benefits under the Employees' Retirement  
3 System of Georgia, so as to provide for creditable service for prior service as an employee  
4 of the Southeastern Boll Weevil Foundation; to provide for terms and conditions; to provide  
5 conditions for an effective date and automatic repeal; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
6 purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 5 of Chapter 2 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
10 service creditable toward retirement benefits under the Employees' Retirement System of  
11 Georgia, is amended by adding a new Code section as follows:

12 "47-2-101.

13 (a) Any member of the retirement system, including a member subject to the provisions  
14 of Code Section 47-2-334, who was, at any time prior to becoming a member, employed  
15 by the Southeastern Boll Weevil Foundation as a full-time employee, may obtain up to 6  
16 years of creditable service for such service under the conditions contained in this Code  
17 section.

18 (b) Any person desiring to obtain the creditable service authorized by subsection (a) of this  
19 Code section shall make application in such manner as the board of trustees deems proper;  
20 tender to the board of trustees such proof of the prior employment as the board shall deem  
21 necessary; and pay to the board of trustees the employer and employee contributions as  
22 would have been paid if the member had been a member at the time of performing such  
23 prior service, together with regular interest thereon compounded annually to the date of  
24 payment.

25 (c) Application for creditable service authorized by subsection (a) of this Code section  
26 must be received by the board of trustees not later than December 31, 2008."

**SECTION 2.**

This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008, only if it is determined to have been concurrently funded as provided in Chapter 20 of Title 47 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, the "Public Retirement Systems Standards Law"; otherwise, this Act shall not become effective and shall be automatically repealed in its entirety on July 1, 2008, as required by subsection (a) of Code Section 47-20-50.

**SECTION 3.**

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.